

Consideration of Charter Amendment Election in November 2021

June 24, 2021



Background

February 5, 2021, Council Retreat:

- Considered possible charter amendments re: ethics rules for Council Members
 - Proposed a charter amendment to Section 116 Personal Interests
 - Proposed new charter section re: disclosing campaign contributions over \$500
 - Proposed both changes go to the voters in a Nov. 2, 2021, charter amendment election



Personal Interest

- **Current charter language** - officers and employees comply with state law regarding conflicts of interest (disclose and abstain from vote)
- **Proposed language:**
 - Prohibits direct and indirect financial interest for council members in any City contract or in any sale to or purchase from the City of land, materials, supplies or services
 - Does not apply if <1% of stock owned in a corporation doing business with the City
 - Contract voidable by Council or CM
 - Similar to language in the Charter prior to 2012



Campaign Contributions

- No requirement currently in charter.
- Would be in addition to state law.
- Proposed language:
 - Contribution > \$500 creates a conflict for matters before Council if the contributor is materially benefitted
 - Includes loans, offsets to expenditures, and in-kind donations
 - Council Member must disclose, not debate, leave the meeting room, and not vote
 - Exception: may participate and vote if there is not a quorum due to conflict



Next Steps

June 24, 2021 – Direction on proposed language

July 22, 2021 – Order General & Special Election

November 2, 2021 – General & Special Election

